

SILVER SPRING CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 13, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Silver Spring Civic Building at Veterans Plaza

One Veterans Place

Silver Spring, MD 20910

For list of Board members and community members present, please see attached sign in sheet.

Welcome

Community Comments:

Barbara Garlock of Interfaith Works talked on Community Vision of Silver Spring, an organization aimed at helping the homeless, and spoke of the continued need for the organization and its monetary concerns.

Board Scheduled Items

1. Silver Spring Police Update -- Commander Johnson provided overview of year-end crime statistics related to residential burglaries and thefts from vehicles. The community was strongly encouraged to stay involved and contact police when necessary and provide detailed information where possible.
2. Montgomery County 311 - Leslie Hamm, Director, provided overview of 311 call center and encouraged community use.
3. Discovery Communication Site Plan Amendment Request -- General discussion of community concerns and need for additional information. No action item.

Committee Reports

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Chairperson Jessica Fusillo provided an update on Taste of Fenton Village for May 15, 2010. Save-The-Date cards now available for distribution. Next meeting focus on Taste of Fenton Village marketing campaign / restaurant out reach. No action items.

Neighborhoods Committee

Chairperson Casey Anderson -- Report on committee review of Silver Spring / Takoma Park Master Plan. Next meeting focus on zoning code revisions and Lyttonsville Neighborhood. No action items.

Transportation and Pedestrian Safety

Chairperson Darian Unger – Focus on pedestrian safety for new library. No action items. Next meeting continued focus on facilitating multijurisdictional coordination of resolution of traffic safety issues.

Directors Report

Reemberto Rodriguez summarized 2011 agenda items.

Chair's Report

Kathy Stevens – Discussed County Executive Budget presentation scheduled for January 13, 2011. Upcoming agenda items include Filmore Update and Lyttonsville Neighborhood presentation. No action items.

**AMAZING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT THE
SILVER SPRING CIVIC BUILDING AND VETERANS PLAZA**

This coming week our Civic Building wears its first name "CIVIC" very well indeed... Almost every day there will be an opportunity to engage your neighbors and friends as we continue building a vibrant, energetic, and robust community... Please plan on joining us for one – or all – of these exciting and meaningful community engagement opportunities.

Saturday January 8th Noon

Ice Rink Celebration Join First Lady Catherine Leggett, our honorary guest, to celebrate the official opening of the Veterans Plaza Ice Rink. There will be music, fun, and games – including a hockey demonstration.

Sunday January 9th 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Kramer Gallery Opening Reception for its 2nd Show Please stop by to celebrate the opening of this, the 2nd show at the Civic Building's wonderful Kramer Gallery. The show is "Mixing It Up", an exhibition featuring the works of three Montgomery county visual artists working in glass, painting and fiber arts.

Monday January 10th 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Our Citizens Advisory Board is kicking off the New Year with an exciting meeting, welcoming Discovery Communications to dialogue with the community. We'll also have the opportunity to catch up with the Silver Spring Town Center Inc., as well as hear detailed reports from our Chair and Director.

Thursday January 13th 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

County Executive Budget Forum Come join County Executive Leggett in this critical conversation. As he puts it: "These public forums give our residents an opportunity to tell me what's important to them as I prepare next year's operating budget for submission to the County Council on March 15... In light of the shortfalls that we are facing, input from residents for the FY 12 budget is crucial in helping us determine priorities."

Thursday January 13th 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Energy Reduction Through Architecture (Part of Montgomery Planning Department's Speaker Series) Leading experts on sustainable architecture will show how energy independent, regenerative buildings can slow climate change. Planners, developers, home builders and renovators, and anyone interested in advancing sustainability don't want to miss this event!

Friday January 14th 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Freedom School This is a relatively unstructured gathering of youth (coordinated by a consortium of youth groups) that come together every Friday night to basically improve their self esteem before venturing out for the weekend.

Monday January 17th 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

MLK Weekend of Service* Join GapBusters (a local youth organization) as they coordinate this year's MLK Service Day events. The event will include service projects from 12:30PM-3:00PM followed by a tribute which will be held at Strathmore Hall at 4:00pm.

***CALL TO ACTION:** A related MLK Weekend of Service event in our community in need of volunteers is the Giant Food (Blair Park) Saturday January 15th from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Please e-mail Victor.Salazar@MontgomeryCountyMD.gov letting him know you are interested. (Great school service hour opportunity!)

And as if all of that was not enough, you can join us in one or more of the many other community engagement activities provided by other organizations and agencies and open to the public in the Civic Building, including: Zumba classes (Monday and Wednesdays); Senior Fit (Friday morning); Tiny Tots Drama Class (Monday morning); Music and Movement (Saturday mornings).

c/u around Silver Spring!

An overview of the scope of work of the Silver Spring Regional Center

Reemberto Rodríguez, Director January 2011

INTERNAL OPERATIONS - for Regional Center, Urban District, and Civic Building Facility

- Personnel – currently doing mid year evaluations
- Budget – currently working on FY11 savings plan & FY12 proposal
- Purchases & Payments – currently revamping system
- Contracts & Agreements – Negotiating and/or managing 14 contract, agreements, and mou
- Administrative Support – Coordinating staff, volunteer, and adv. groups support
- Reporting – Monthly reports (internal and external)
- Facility Management – Systematizing Civic Building Reports, calendar, and income?)

ADVISORY GROUPS – Support identifying issues, developing agendas, scheduling guests, managing meetings and logistics for:

- Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board, and its 3 committees (Neighborhoods, Transportation and Pedestrian Safety, and; Commercial & Economic Development)
- Silver Spring Urban District Committee
- Arts & Entertainment Committee
- Weed And Seed Committee

Also: Attend – and coordinate with - all of the above, plus:

- Youth Advisory Committee
- Transportation Management District Advisory Committee
- Silver Spring Town Center, Inc.

UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS – support, help coordinate some, and disseminate info for many, including but not being limited to:

- Community Services Day(s)
- Earth Day
- Summer Concerts
- Veterans Day 11.11.11
- Thanksgiving Parade
- Jazz Festival
- Festivals on the Plaza

OTHER – Time also goes to a variety of other tasks, including, but not being limited to:

- Relationship building with formal and informal business and community organizations
- Providing general and specific information to public inquires
- Responding to issues brought to the County Executive via letters
- Attending meetings and gathering of other partners (Chamber, civics organizations, non-profits, etc.)
- Providing hands on resolution to specific constituency issues (i.e.: dealing with permitting process; resolving slow responses, etc.)
- Building staff team, volunteer base, and advisory group cohesion

DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT – Stay informed about, provide information for, meet about, and flag issues with developments, including but not being limited to:

Public:

Transit Station
Library
Progress Place
Fillmore
Golf Course
Old Library
Police Station
HHS facility
Parking Garage
Montgomery College
AFI

Small Businesses:

Laundromat?
Babes Sports Bar?
Clothing store?
Flower Ave Theatre?
(and many others)

Business District(s):

Downtown
Car Repair on and around Sligo
Fenton Village
Montgomery Hills Business
NewAve (New Hampshire Ave)

Private:

Downtown Silver Spring
NOAA
Discovery
United Therapeutic
Ripley District
Home Property (Falklands)
PFA Housing
CityPlace
Post Office
Chelsea school
Greyhound Terminal

DC Links:

Walter Reed
WalMart
16th Street Redo
Takoma Park Station

Plans & Studies:

Zoning Ordinance
Growth Plan
Purple Line
Long Branch Sector Plan
Langley Park
Takoma Park
Silver Spring Plan(s)
Weed & Seed Area

Plus many others for which
confidentiality must be protected

PROJECTS & PROGRAMS – Stay informed about, provide information for, meet about, and flag issues with variety of projects and programs, including but not being limited to:

Urban District:

- Weekenders
- SHA / streetscapes
- Lights
- Crossings
- Banners
- Graffiti Removal
- Pedestrian safety

Plaza Activation:

- Fenton Street Market
- Festivals
- Special Events
- No cost activities

Youth Activities:

- Freedom school
- Gandhi Film Festival
- GapBusters MLK Day
- Skateboarding
- Summer youth programs
- Connecting to schools

Safety:

- Safe Silver Spring
- Plaza Coordination
- Vending

Council Legislation:

- Noise
- Dance for profit
- Restaurant outdoor seating

Virtual Presence:

- MoCo Web Page
- Downtown Silver Spring
- Ice Rink
- SSRC Facebook
- A&E Facebook
- Director's Blog

Others:

- Green Silver Spring
- Ice Rink
- Homeless Meters
- Historical Markers
- Wayfinding Signs
- Skatepark(s)
- Discovery Park
- Bump for Lyttonsville Church
- Long Branch Market

And many others that come and go, some of which must remain confidential while under development.

SIGN-IN SHEET – PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

SILVER SPRING CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Date/Time: January 10, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Please note that by signing this sheet, your name will become public information, recorded in the minutes of (today's/tonight's) Silver Spring Citizens Advisory meeting, which may be photocopied and disseminated to various groups, and may appear on the internet and become retrievable by internet search engines."

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